

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
NO. 5:18-cv-00006-BO**

BONNIE PAGE,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	
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SOCIETE BIC S.A., et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
_____)	

CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER

The parties have agreed to and have submitted to the Court, and for good cause shown the Court hereby enters, the following Confidentiality Order:

1. This Confidentiality Order shall govern the disclosure of materials designated as Confidential Material during the course of discovery. Confidential Material, as used in this Order, shall refer to any document or item designated as Confidential, including but not limited to, documents or items produced during discovery, all copies thereof, and the information contained in such material.

2. Confidential Material, as used in this Order, consists of the following materials and categories of materials:

a. Materials relating to any privileged, confidential, or nonpublic information, including, but not limited to, trade secrets, research, design, development, financial, technical, marketing, planning, personal, or commercial information, as such terms are used in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable case law interpreting Rule 26(c)(1)(G) or the former Rule 26(c)(7), contracts; proprietary information; vendor agreements; personnel files; claim/litigation information; or certain policies and procedures; corporate trade secrets, nonpublic research and

development data, pricing formulas, inventory management programs, confidential business information not generally known to the general public, customer-related Protected Data; and any information that a party believes in good faith to be subject to federal, state or foreign data protection laws or other privacy obligations.

3. If any party seeks to designate additional documents or categories of documents as Confidential Material, it will be the burden of the party seeking protected status to move for a Court Order designating the materials as confidential after the parties confer.

4. The parties agree that such Confidential Material as described in paragraph 2 should be given the protection of an order of this Court to prevent injury through disclosure to persons other than those persons identified as categories of persons to whom disclosure is permitted under the terms of this Order.

5. To designate information as confidential, the producing party shall mark Confidential Material with the legend "CONFIDENTIAL- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" and shall submit confidential discovery, such as answers to interrogatories or answers to requests for admissions, in a separate document stamped with the appropriate legend. The Receiving Party may make copies of Confidential Material and such copies shall become subject to the same protections as the Confidential Material from which those copies were made.

a. Information on a disk or other electronic format may be designated confidential by marking the storage medium itself with the legend "CONFIDENTIAL- SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER" or The Receiving Party shall mark any hard-copy printouts and the storage medium of any permissible copies of such electronic material with the corresponding legend contained on the original and such copies shall become subject to the same protections, as the Confidential Material from which those copies were made.

b. Information disclosed at any deposition of a party taken in this action may be designated by the party as confidential by indicating on the record at the deposition that the information is confidential and subject to the provisions of this Order. Alternatively, the party may designate information disclosed at the deposition as confidential by notifying the court reporter and other parties in writing, within 15 business days of receipt of the transcript, of the specific pages and lines of the transcript which are designated as confidential. The parties may agree to a reasonable extension of the 15 business day period for designation. Designations of transcripts will apply to audio, video, or other recordings of the testimony. During such 15 business day period, the entire transcript shall receive confidential treatment. Upon such designation, the court reporter and each party shall affix the "CONFIDENTIAL- SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER" legend to the designated pages and segregate them as appropriate.

c. Copies of material described in paragraph 2 above, or incorporated into paragraph 2 by Court Order, and which were produced without the designation of "CONFIDENTIAL- SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER" may be so designated later if the Producing Party failed to make such designation at the time of production through inadvertence or error, as long as such designation takes place within thirty (30) days of the production. If such information has been disclosed to persons not qualified pursuant to paragraph 7 below, the party who disclosed such information shall take reasonable efforts to retrieve previously disclosed Confidential Material and advise such persons that the material is Confidential.

6. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d), disclosure (including production) of information that a party or non-party later claims should not have been disclosed because of a privilege, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine (“Privileged Information”), shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel to, any claim of attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, to which the Producing Party would be entitled in the Litigation or any other federal or state proceeding. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B) and Federal Rule of Evidence 502(e), the Receiving Party hereby agrees to return, sequester, or destroy any Privileged Information disclosed or produced by the Producing Party upon request. If the Receiving Party reasonably believes that Privileged Information has been inadvertently disclosed or produced to it, it shall promptly notify the Producing Party and sequester such information until instructions as to disposition are received. The failure of any party to provide notice or instructions under this Paragraph shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel to, any claim of attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, to which the Producing Party would be entitled in the Litigation or any other federal or state proceeding. This provision is designed to foreclose any arguments that by making such production, the production of Confidential Materials subject to a legally recognized claim of privilege, including without limitation the attorney-client privilege or work-product doctrine:

- (a) was not inadvertent by the Producing Party;
- (b) that the Producing Party did not take reasonable steps to prevent the disclosure of privileged Documents;
- (c) that the Producing Party did not take reasonable or timely steps to rectify such Disclosure; and/or
- (d) that such Disclosure acts as a waiver of applicable privileges or protections associated with such Documents.

7. Any Confidential Material and the information contained therein shall be disclosed only to the Court, its staff, and counsel of record, the parties, counsel’s staff personnel,

employees of a party to whom disclosure is necessary in connection with the preparation for and trial of this action, and any witnesses in the case (including consulting and testifying experts) as may from time to time reasonably be necessary in prosecution or defense of this action. Confidential Material may be disclosed to other counsel, along with their experts, representing plaintiffs in pending cases against BIC USA, Inc., and/or Societe BIC, S.A., in which it is alleged that a lighter designed, manufactured, sold, or supplied by the Defendants or any predecessor entity experienced an uncontrolled flame or explosion while in use, resulting in personal injury or death, subject to agreement by counsel and their consultants to be bound by the terms of this Order, and execution of the Affidavit attached as *Exhibit A* to this Order. Confidential Material shall not be disclosed to any outside experts or consultants who are current employees of a direct competitor of any party named in the Litigation. Counsel shall advise all persons to whom Confidential Material is disclosed pursuant to this Order of the existence of this Order, and shall provide all such persons (other than the Court and its staff) with a copy of this Order. Counsel also shall require all persons, except the Court, the Court's staff, the parties, counsel of record and counsel's staff personnel, to execute the Affidavit attached as *Exhibit A*, prior to the disclosure of Confidential Material. It shall be the obligation of counsel, upon learning of any breach or threatened breach of this Confidentiality Order, to promptly notify counsel for the Producing Party of such breach or threatened breach. Counsel shall not otherwise offer or permit disclosure of any Confidential Material, its contents, or any portion or summary thereof. Disputes concerning the confidential nature of such materials shall be resolved by the Court upon motion prior to dissemination of any Confidential Material.

8. Persons having knowledge of Confidential Material and information by virtue of their participation in the conduct of this litigation shall use them only as permitted herein, and

shall not disclose such Confidential Material, their contents or any portion or summary thereof to any person(s) not entitled to the documents pursuant to the terms of this Order. If any person having access to the Confidential Material herein shall violate this Order, he/she may be subject to sanctions by the Court.

9. The provisions of this Confidentiality Order shall not affect, and this Order does not limit, the use or admissibility of Confidential Material (or references to that material) as evidence at trial, or during a hearing or similar proceeding in this action or as part of the record on appeal, provided that either party may seek an appropriate Court Order to protect Confidential Material.

10. Nothing in this Confidentiality Order shall be deemed to preclude any party or interested member of the public from seeking and obtaining, on an appropriate showing, a modification of this Order including additional protection with respect to confidentiality of material or the removal of a confidential designation. Should counsel or an interested member of the public disagree with any designation of material as confidential, he or she first shall attempt to resolve such dispute with the parties' counsel and, if unsuccessful, apply to the Court for a determination as to whether the material or information should remain designated as Confidential Material. In any such, Motion, the burden is on the party seeking to designate material as Confidential. Pending resolution of any challenges, the material at issue shall continue to be treated as Confidential Material until ordered otherwise by the Court.

11. The restrictions set forth in any of the preceding paragraphs shall not apply to information or material that was, is or becomes public knowledge in a manner other than by violation of this Order.

12. Confidential Material may be filed with the Court. Should any party have good cause to seal from public view any Confidential Material that is filed with the Court, that party must file a separate and specific motion for such protection, and the motion will only be granted for good cause shown and if consistent with federal case law regarding filing materials under seal. Any member of the public may challenge any attempt by any party to seal documents filed with the Court.

Before filing any information that has been designated "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" with the Court, or any pleadings, motions or other papers that disclose any such information, counsel shall confer with counsel for the party that produced the information so designated about how it should be filed. If the party that produced the information so designated desires that the materials be filed under seal, then the filing party shall file the materials in accordance with Local Civil Rule 79.2, EDNC, with notice served upon the producing party. The filing of the materials under seal shall not be binding on the Court, however. Within 10 days of service of such notice, the party desiring that the materials be maintained under seal shall file with the Court a Motion to Seal and supporting memorandum of law specifying the interests which would be served by restricting public access to the information. The party that initially filed the materials need not file any such Motion to Seal or otherwise defend another party's desire that the materials remain sealed. The Court will grant the Motion to Seal only after providing adequate notice to the public and opportunity for interested parties to object, after carefully weighing the interests advanced by the movant and those interests favoring public access to judicial documents and records, and upon finding that the interests advanced by the movant override any common law or constitutional right of public access which may attach to the information. Documents submitted under seal in accordance with

this paragraph will remain under seal pending the Court's ruling. If the party desiring that the information be maintained under seal does not timely file a Motion to Seal, then the materials will be deemed unsealed, without need for order of the Court.

13. In the event Confidential Materials or portions of transcripts are sealed as confidential by the Court as described in paragraph 12 above, they shall be filed in an envelope bearing the following designation when deposited:

CONFIDENTIAL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER
OF THE COURT, THE CONTENTS OF THIS ENVELOPE
SHALL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST NOT
BE SHOWN TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE COURT,
ATTORNEYS IN THIS CASE, OR TO PERSONS ASSISTING
THOSE ATTORNEYS.

14. This Order shall continue to be binding throughout and after the conclusion of this litigation, including all appeals. By entering into this Order, no party waives, and all parties reserve, all rights to seek an Order regarding the disposition of the documents produced subject to this Order following resolution or a final judgment and all appeals in this Action.

15. If any person receiving documents covered by this Order is served with a subpoena, order, interrogatory, or document or civil investigative demand (collectively, a "Demand") issued in any other action, investigation, or proceeding, and such Demand seeks material that was produced or designated as Confidential Material by someone other than the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party shall give prompt written notice by hand or facsimile transmission within five (5) business days of receipt of such Demand to the party or non-party who produced or designated the material as Confidential Material, and shall object to the production of such materials on the grounds of the existence of this Order. The burden of opposing the enforcement of the Demand shall fall upon the party or non-party who produced or designated the material as

Confidential Material. Unless the party or non-party who produced or designated the Confidential Material obtains an order directing that the Demand not be complied with, and serves such order upon the Receiving Party prior to production pursuant to the Demand, the Receiving Party shall be permitted to produce documents responsive to the Demand on the Demand response date, provided sufficient notice of the Demand is provided. Compliance by the Receiving Party with any order directing production pursuant to the Demand of any Confidential Material shall not constitute a violation of this Order. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as authorizing a party to disobey a lawful subpoena issued in another action.

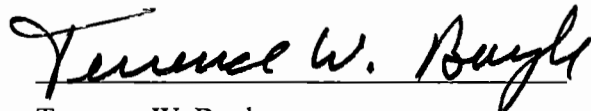
16. In the event additional parties join or intervene in this litigation, the newly joined party(ies) shall not have access to Confidential Material until its/their counsel has executed and, at the request of any party, filed with the Court the agreement of such party(ies) and such counsel to be fully bound by this Order.

17. The parties agree that nothing in this Order shall be deemed to limit the extent to which counsel for the parties may advise or represent their respective clients, conduct discovery, prepare for trial, present proof at trial, including any document herein, or oppose the production or admissibility of any information or documents which have been requested.

18. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is modified, amended or rescinded by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: 12.20, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Terrence W. Boyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Terrence" being the most prominent part.

Terrence W. Boyle

Chief United States District Judge

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EXHIBIT A

AFFIDAVIT

1. My name is _____. I live
at _____.

2. I am aware that a Confidentiality Order has been entered in *Page v. Socete Bic S.A. et al*, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and a copy thereof has been given to me.

3. I acknowledge that documents and information designated as confidential pursuant to such Confidentiality Order are being disclosed to me only upon the condition that I agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court and to that Order. I hereby agree to abide by such Order, subject to all penalties prescribed therein, including contempt of Court, for disobedience of said Order. I promise that the documents and information given confidential treatment under the Confidentiality Order entered in this case will be used by me only in connection with assisting counsel for the parties in preparing for litigation of the above-captioned matters. I understand that any use of such Confidential Material in any manner contrary to the provisions of the Confidentiality Order will subject me to the sanctions of this Court for contempt.

4. I promise that I will not disclose or discuss such Confidential Materials or information any person other than the parties and counsel for the parties or members of their staff.

DATED: _____, 201____